INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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| AND/OR COMMON | | | • | |
| 2 LOCATION | | | | |
| STREET & NUMBER | 26 Willow Avenu | Le | • | |
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| SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | ENTERTAINMENT | RELIGIOUS |
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| | BEING CONSIDERED | YES: UNRESTRICTED | INDUSTRIAL | TRANSPORTATION |
| | * | NO | MILITARY | OTHER: |
| 4 OWNER OF | PROPERTY | _ | | |
| NAME | William H. Math | lews | | |
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CONDITION

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EXCELLENT

X_GOOD __FAIR

__DETERIORATED

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__UNALTERED X ALTERED

X ORIGINAL SITE

__MOVED

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two story house with attic at 26 Willow Avenue is a nearly square frame block resting on a plastered rock-faced stone foundation. The house is capped with a gable roof aligned so that the ridge runs in a north-south direction. It is 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep. Little ornamentation is present with the exception of slat shutters on the main facade and a recently landscaped formal garden with iron and brick work at the rear of the house. A shed roof stucco addition is located on the south facade at the back of the house.

The house, facing north on Willow Avenue, rests upon a slight hill. Five wood steps lead to the front porch which is floored with tongue and groove boards. Four Roman Doric wood columns made from slats of wood bound together with a wire band support the porch roof and its tongue and groove ceiling.

The entrance is located on the right or west side of this main facade. It consists of an interior wood door with stained glass transom. The door has two inset wood panels on the lower half and a glass panel on the upper half. Yellow slat shutters flank each side of the door. To the left of the entrance are two 2/2 floor length windows with similar yellow slat shutters. Fenestration on the second floor consists of three 2/2 sash windows with yellow trim and slat shutters. The attic displays a small 2/2 double window.

The east facade shows two 2/2 sash windows with plain brown trim on the first floor and two on the second floor.

The west facade reveals a flight of concrete steps flush with the wall leading to the cellar apartment. A small modern casement window is on the left of the paneled cellar door. The fenstration on the west facade consists of three 2/2 sash windows on the first floor and two on the second.

The south facade consists of a stucco and wood addition housing a kitchen for the first floor apartment. Above this first floor addition, there are two 2/2 double hung sash windows with plain brown trim on the second floor and one double casement window in the attic.

| —PREHISTORIC —1400-1499 —1500-1599 —1600-1699 —1700-1799 —1800-1899 —1900- | —ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC —ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC —AGRICULTURE —XARCHITECTURE —ART —COMMERCE —COMMUNICATIONS | COMMUNITY PLANNINGCONSERVATIONECONOMICSEDUCATIONENGINEERINGEXPLORATION/SETTLEMENTINDUSTRYINVENTION | LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE LAW LITERATURE MILITARY MUSIC PHILOSOPHY POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | —RELIGION —SCIENCE —SCULPTURE |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

26 Willow Avenue dates from the early 20th century. It does not appear on the 1898 Bromley Atlas, but record of it is found in the 1915 edition. As such, the house is significant as an example of a turn-of-the-century building type found throughout Central Towson, i.e., the rectangular, gable-ended vernacular.

Aside from its individual architectural merits, however, 26 Willow is significant as an integral part of the surrounding residential neighborhood. In recent years, increased commercialization has threatened Towson's residential character. Many of the private residences which once typified Towson's built environment have been either demolished or altered in such a manner as to destroy heir architectural and historic significance. The houses on Willow Avenue and nden Terrace constitute one of the few relatively unchanged residential areas left in Central Towson. 26 Willow Avenue together with the other vernacular buildings on the street provide a visual representation of Towson's earlier character.

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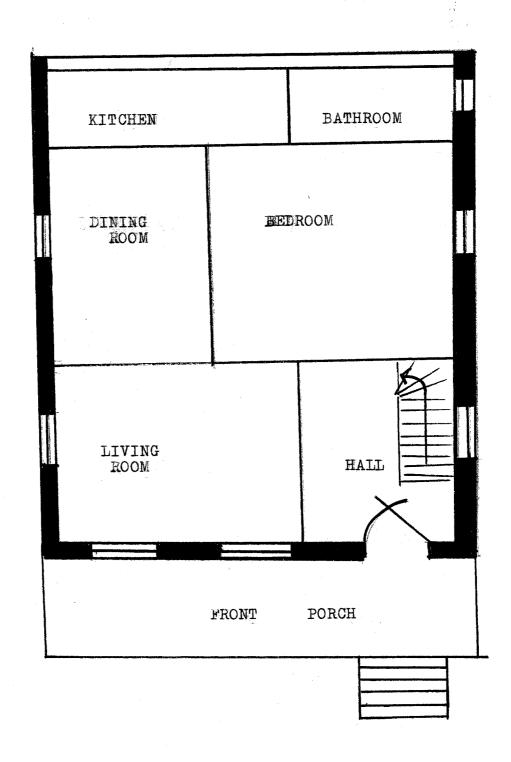
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FLOORPLAN: 26 Willow Avenue (not to scale)

*Drawing based on information supplied by owner - Access to interior restricted



CHAIN OF TITLE

ADDRESS: 26 Willow Avenue PRESENT OWNER: William Mathews

| DATE | GRANTOR | GRANTEE | LIBER/FOLIO |
|-------------|--|--|--------------------|
| 27 Aug 1971 | Philip G. Mumford II | William H. Mathews | 5214/ 9 19 |
| 15 Aug 1966 | May G. Davis | Philip G. Mumford | 4659/396 |
| 7 Nov 1962 | Urban Title Holding Co Gertrude N. Davis | May G. Davis | 4075/522 |
| 7 Nov 1962 | A. Harry Davis (d.1950) Gertrude N. Davis | Urban Title Holding Co Gertrude N. Da | g 4075/521 avis |
| 30 Apr 1947 | John T. Waldhauser, Jr. | A. Harry Davis Gertrude N. Davis | |
| 30 Apr 1947 | A. Harry Davis, et al. | John T. Waldhauser, | Jr. 1554/400 |
| 31 Mar 1923 | (property Ella M. D | 1923 was comprised that she acquired | 571/215 |
| LOT ONE | | | |
| 23 Mar 1912 | David G. McIntosh | Ella M. Davis | 392/136 |
| 31 Mar 1877 | Valverda A. P. Ware | David G. McIntosh | 101/177 |
| LOT TWO | | | |
| 18 Feb 1903 | Mathew O'Keefe | Ella M. Davis | 267/3 |
| 14 Aug 1895 | John B. Sanner | Mathew O'Keefe | 212/ ? |
| 3 Aug 1895 | David G. McIntosh William H. Bosley | John B. Sanner | 212/325 |

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| DATE | GRANTOR | GRANTEE | LIBER/FOLIO |
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| 7 June 1893 | David G. McIntosh (mortgag | • | 166/51 |
| 31 Mar 1877 | Valverda A.P. Ware | David G. McIntosh | 101/177 |

TAX ASSESSMENTS

ADDRESS: 26 Willow Avenue

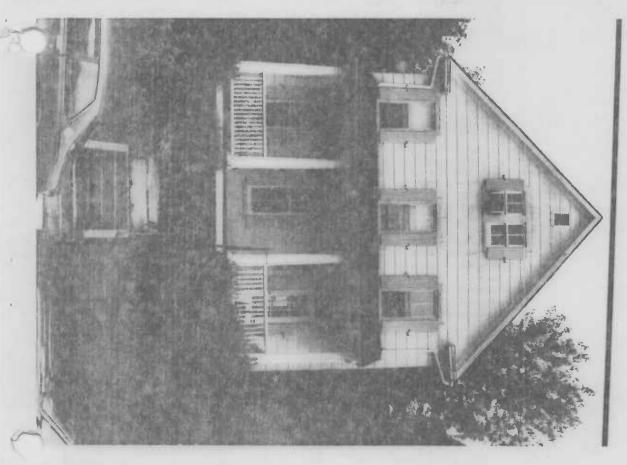
PRESENT OWNER: William H. Mathews

| 1923 TAX ASSESSMENT | 9th DISTRICT | p.147 |
|---|---|---------|
| Harry A. Davis | | |
| Lot 50' x 150' on SS 350' E of York Road | Willow Avenue | 500 00 |
| Dwelling | ••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••• | 1400 00 |
| 1911 TAX ASSESSMENT | 9th DISTRICT | p.236 |
| Ella Davis | | |
| 1913 Lot 25' front S | S Willow Ave "McIntosh" | |
| 1914 By release to | " Davis " | |





PHOTOGRAPHS: 26 Willow Avenue (Original photos in Historic Towson's Files)



ABOVE: North(Main) Facade

BELOW: North-east Corner

